

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the title of the application with the following amended title:

**FORCE ISOLATING APPLIANCE**

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

Some side-to-side rocking motion is tolerable and even desirable as it dissipates the forces. However, at some point, the degree of movement of the horizontal axis washer becomes undesirable. For example, the horizontal axis washer can rock an amount such that it can come into contact with an adjacent appliance, such as a complementary dryer, or a portion of the house, such as a wall behind the washer. Movement to this extent, while useful to dissipate the forces, is detrimental to the surrounding environment. A maximum acceptable motion is empirically determined by the geometry and use of the specific appliance. For the washer 12 of the present embodiment, an acceptable range of motion is predetermined to be an arc  $\alpha$  measured at the top of the cabinet from the centerline 80. For example, an acceptable arc  $\alpha$  may be one inch. In other words, acceptable motion of the top of the cabinet is defined as 1" on either side of the centerline extending through the pivot point 86. The top of the cabinet may be permitted to move through a one-inch arc to a centerline 82 on one side and to a centerline 84 on the other side. An ideal acceptable range for the present embodiment is  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ ", although a maximum may nevertheless be  $\pm 1$ ". The boot 16 of the invention is designed to isolate the forces by permitting the movement of the cabinet 12 within this range of motion, but limit motion of the cabinet to the range and to transfer forces to the floor when the range limits are reached..